Act. Miss Mirchandani was arrested on 3-11-1987.

(b) The number of Customs officials and crew members of Indian Airlines/Air India and other Airlines operating through India who were arrested in connection with smuggling activities during the year 1986 is given below :—

	Number of officials and crew Members of airlines arrested
Customs officials	5
Air India/Indian Airlines	8
Foreign airlines operating through India	7

(c) The offenders are penalised departmentally and are also prosecuted in Courts of Law.

New unified set-up for Delhi

1077. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to put the Union Territory of Delhi under a new unified set-up in place of Metropolitan Council, M.C.D. and N.D.M.C. to do away with multiplicity of authorities; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) and (b) The question of constituting a commission or a high-powered Committee to suggest administrative restructing of UT of Delhi is being examined with a view to bringing about better cohesion.

Complaints received by Protector General of Emigrants against Recruiting Agencies

1078 SHRI RAMSINGBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state .

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of complaints have recently been received by the Protector General of Emigrants regarding corruption and malpractices by recruiting agents who send labour and various categories of employees to foreign countries;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken in the matter;

(c) whether it is a fact that these recruiting agents are charging from Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 40,000 as service charges from them;

(d) if so, what action has been taken against such agents and agencies; and

(e) what stringent measures Government propose to take so that exploitation of job seekers by recruiting agents is eliminated ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P A. SANGMA) : (a) to (d) There have been some complaints against the recruiting agencies relating to extortion of money, overcharging and forgery of documents. The registration certificates of 9 agencies have been cancelled and that of 25 agencies suspended for their alleged malpractices. Such cases have also been referred to the Police.

(e) Several steps have been taken including suspension and cancellation of Registration Certificates; forfeiture of Bank Guarantees, inspection of offices of Recruiting Agents to defect and prevent cheating and exploitation of workers. Publicity campaign has been strengthened to educate and caution the emigrants. An open Public Hearing System is also operating at the office of Protector General of Emigrants in the Ministry of Labour as also in the offices of the Protectorates of Emigrants, for redressal of emigrant workers' grievances.

Raids by the Income Tax Department

1079. SHRI RAMSINGBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI . Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of raids have been conducted in Gujarat, Bombay and other parts of the country by the Income Tax officials during the period from 1st January, 1987 to 31st October, 1987;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the details of gold, silver, unaccounted money and incriminating documents seized during the raids;

(d) what is the number of persons apprehended in this connection and the number of those against whom cases have been filed in the courts so far; and

(e) what are the details of cases which have not yet been filed in the courts and the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K GADHVI) : (a) to (c) The income-tax Department conducted 7048 searches in various parts of the country during the period from 1st January, 1987 to 31st October, 1987 which resulted in the seizure of *prima facie* unaccounted assets such as cash, jewellery and others amounting to Rs. 94 crores Besides the above, incriminating documents have also been seized during the course of these searches.

(d) and (e) No person has been apprehended during the course of these searches as the Income-tax Act does not provide for the same. No case has so far been launched in the courts for prosecution consequent to the searches conducted during the above period This is so because normally cases for prosecution are launched after the assessments are completed and are decided upon in the first appeal. Also, prosecutions are no launched in cases where the tax-payer, in his statement during search, surrenders the value of unaccounted assets for taxation.

Allocation of Land to displaced persons in West Bengal

1080. SHRI CHITRA BASU : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been persistent controversy between the Centre and the West Bengal Government over the quantum of land to be allocated to the displaced persons from erstwhile East Pakistan;

(b) if so what are the main issues of such controversy,

(c) whether the dispute has since been resolve; and

(d) if not, what are the reason therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) and (b) Under the scheme for regularisation of squatters' colonies, a maximum of 3½ cottahs of land per family is admissible. The Government of West Bengal want the ceiling to be revised to 5 cottahs per family.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The Government of India consider that the ceiling already prescribed is reasonable and no upward revision is called for.

Sale of One Rupee Currency Note in Black Market

1081 SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the large scale sale of new one rupee currency notes in black market;

(b) if so, what remedial measures Government have taken in the matter; and

(c) whether Government propose to discontinue further printing of such notes in view of high cost of printing of such notes and because of their short durability ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

Bank Robberies in Punjab

1082. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state .

(a) what is the number of bank robberies committed in Punjab since 1st April, 1987;

(b) what is the amount involved in each case and the recovery made. if any; and

(c) what is the number of cases traced and arrests made ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) : (a) to (c) As per available information, the number of dacoities/robberies committed in Public Sector Banks in Punjab since 1st April, 1987, the amount involved in each case, amount recovered, number of persons arrested is given in the attached Statement. [*See* Appendix CXLIV, Annexure No.40.]